Circular Letter No. 16.

September 15, 1908.

(Part referring to English only has been copied.)

To Supervising Principals:--

The following plan for the use of books in the Graded Schools during the school year beginning September 28, 1908, has been arranged with reference to the development of the Course of Study in five groups. Such a grouping was evidently in the mind of Commissioner Brumbaugh, when the Course of Study presented in his Report for 1901 was made up: for the five general lines of work suggested in that Course are indicated by Roman numerals I-V.

Owing to the fact that the schools of Ponce are to be wholly on an English basis during the coming year, Spanish being introduced in Grade II as a Language subject; while in other districts the work of the First Grade is all in Spanish, it is thought wise, though leaving the list of Readers as indicated, to base all examinations in English upon the Language texts, which are presented first.

I Language Group (I)

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VII & VIII | Hyde's Second Book, as per 1907 Cours of Study |
| VI | Mother Tongue, Book I |
| V | Flounders' Language Book |
| IV | Hyde's First Book |
| III | Reimold's Second book |
| II | " First " |

A new book at the opening of each year until the Eighth is reached, should stimulate interest all along the line.

I Language Group - Readers (2)

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VIII | Brumbaugh's Standard Fifth |
| VII | " " Fourth, pp. 200 - 400 |
| VI | " " " pp. 1 - 200 |
| V | Silver-Burdett Third, as per 1907 Course |
| IV | " " Second Reader |
| III | Spanish-American First Reader, to be followed later in the year by Silver-Burdett First Reader |
| II | Spanish-American Primer and other Primers |

Special provision will be made for the first grades in Ponce, which are to do their work in English.

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II Science Group (1)

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VII | Cornman & Gerson's Physiology Primer, as per 1907 Course |
| VI | Blaisdell's Child Book of Health, as per 1907 Course |

II Science Group (2)

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VII | Dodge's Advanced Geography, as per 1907 Course |
| VI | " Elementary " " " " " |
| V | Cornman & Gerson's Geography Primer and texts to be distributed later. |
| IV | No textbook in the hands of pupils until notified |

III Mathematics Group

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VI ) VII ) VIII | Wentworth's Practical Arithmetic, as per 1907 Course, English or Spanish Edition. Notify if the use of both editions becomes necessary in any single class. |
| III ) | Topics are per 1907 Course. Use Milne's Elements or Milne's Aritmética Práctica - whichever is left after transfers ordered have been made. |
| II | No book in the hands of pupils. Reading and writing numbers to 100; Roman numberals to 20. (Milne's Arithmetic in the hands of teachers.) |

IV Social Science Group

| Grade | |
|---|---|
| VII - VIII | McMaster's School History, as per 1907 Course |
| VIII | Civil Gov't & Pedagogy, as per 1907 Course |
| VI ) | Clopper's Facts, to be used principally as a reference book, not learning many dates |
| V - VI | McMaster's Primary History |

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